

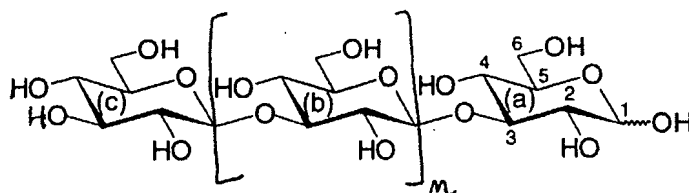
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A ~~therapeutic~~therapeutical method comprising administration of an amount of oligo- β -(1,3)-glucan and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, to a human being or to a warm-blooded animal suffering from a disease selected from the group consisting of a tumor, a cancer, a viral disease, a bacterial disease, a fungal disease, a disease of the immune system, an auto-immune disease or disease related to a deficiency of immunostimulation in an amount which is effective to treat the disease and,

and, wherein the oligo- β -(1,3)-glucan is a compound presenting the following formula (1):



in which ~~n=1 to 7~~ n=2 or n=3,

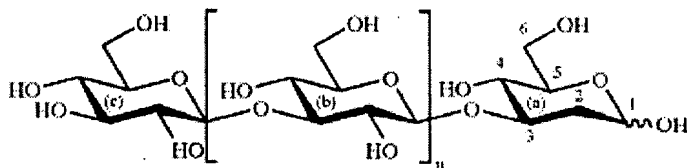
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the cancer is selected from the group consisting of breast cancer, lung cancer, oesophagus cancer, stomach cancer, intestinal cancer or colon cancer.

5. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the administration of oligo- β -(1,3)-glucan stimulates NK cells in the human being or warm-blooded animal.

6. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the administration of oligo- β -(1,3)-glucan stimulates the production of TNF-alpha in the human being or the warm-blooded animal.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the composition is administered intravenously, intraperitoneally or orally to the patient.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising administration of a chemotherapeutic agent.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising administration of a potentiator.
10. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of a solution, suspension, syrup, tablet, capsule, injections, ointment, pulmonary, spray.
11. (Withdrawn) Pharmaceutical composition under the form of a solution, suspension, spray, aerosol, tablet, capsule, injection, ointment, pulmonary aerosol comprising a therapeutically effective amount of oligo-1-3- β -glucan of formula (1)



in which $n=1$ to 7 , preferably $n=2$ or $n=3$, or a salt pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutical acceptable carrier, said composition being free of any other glucan.